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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

RHODE ISLAND.

State Board of Health—Organization—Duties of Secretary. (Act May 1, 1914.)

SECTION 1. Sections 5, 7, and 8 of chapter 115 of the General Laws, entitled "Of the State board of health," are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. The board shall organize by the election of a president, vice president, and secretary, and the various duties and powers prescribed by law for the president shall in the event of his absence or inability be performed and exercised by the vice president. The president shall be ex officio chairman of the board. The secretary shall be a well-qualified physician, and he shall be ex officio a member of the board, the commissioner of public health, and State registrar, but he shall not be permitted to vote on any question in which he is personally interested.

"SEC. 7. The secretary shall perform and superintend the work prescribed for said board by law, and such other duties as the board may require; he shall prepare and publish in every calendar month a general summary of all the deaths and causes of the same which had occurred in the State during the preceding month, the same to be made up from returns of deaths which shall be sent to him on or before the 10th day of the month following the date of such deaths, by the several town clerks, the city registrar of Providence, and the city clerks of the other cities; he shall also, under the direction of the board, prepare and publish for general distribution at least four times a year a bulletin giving information and advice in regard to the preservation of health, and giving also such information as shall be deemed of advantage to the public, as to the prevalence and character of infectious diseases of domestic animals. He shall hold his office during the pleasure of the board, and may be removed at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the members of said board.

"SEC. 8. The actual expenses of the board and of the members thereof, when certified by the president and approved by the governor, shall be paid from the State treasury."

Secretary State Board of Health—Salary. (Act May 6, 1914.)

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 363 of the General Laws, entitled "Of salaries and clerical assistance and of appropriations," is hereby amended by changing the items in said section referring to the salary of the secretary of the State board of health which now reads: "Secretary of the State board of health, \$1,700," so as to read, "Secretary of the State board of health, in full compensation for his services in connection with said State board of health, \$3,000."

SEC. 2. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act the sum of \$1,300 is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the State auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum or any portion or portions thereof as may from time to time be required, upon the receipt by him of proper vouchers.